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REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action mailed December 10, 2003,
Applicants submit the following remarks

As correctly stated in the Office Action, Claims 4-30 are pending in the
present application. Claims 4-20 and 26-30 stand allowed. Claims 21-25 stand
rejected.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that Claims 4-20
and 26-30 are allowed.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 21-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly anticipated
by Herrin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,706,524). This rejection is respectfully traversed.